(All figares in MU Net)

1994-95

	Require-ment	Avail-ability	Deficit	%
Bihar	9410	6295	3115	33.1
Eastern Region	40340	35118	5222	12.9
All India	352260	327281	24379	7.1

(b) and (c) 710 MW Koel Karo Project was entrust td to NHPC in 1980 for execution :.n Central Sector. Although commissioning the project would help in reducing the power shortages in the region, the NHPC has not been able to commence work on this project due to paucity of funds and local resistance.

Powers crisis in Delhi

6999. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of POWER be plea Bed to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing power crisis in Delhi; and

(b) if so, tne stops taken by Government to deal with the problem of the power crisis; in the national capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY *CJ* POWER (SHRI. MATI URMLABKN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) During April, 1995, Delhi had a marginal energy shortage of 0.8% as against the Ali India National average of 8.8%.

(b) Various measures taken to bridge the gap between the demand and availability of power include— maximisation of power generation at the existing stations; addition of 108 MW, capacity by regressive commissioning of 3x34 MW Combined Cycle Waste Heat Recovery Units at the existing Gas Turbine Stations of DESU;, .Establishment of 400 Kv Ring around Delhi to facilitate additional import of power from the neighbouring system States [Central power btations in the Northern Region; Reduction of T&D losses; Better demand management and abservance of energy conservation measures; Implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Scheme and assist->ance/'transfer of power from neighbouring System.

Power supply to rural areas

7000. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO; Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of the Rural Electrification Corporation in the electrification of new areas;

(b) whether there haa been a slackening of effort in suxing proper power supply system to rural areas and .

(c) the details of steps proposed to effectively use the REC in bringing power to new areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IS THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI MATI. URMILABEN CHIMANEHA PATEL); (a) Rural Electriflcatior Corporation extends financial assistant to the State Govjrnments|State Electricity Boards/Rural Electric Cooperatives for development of electrical infrastructure and extension of electricity to the unelectrified areas.

(b) No, Sir. Special emphasis is being laid on the strengthening of power supply systems in rural areas and by providing financial assistance to the. States for System Improvement Schemes to bring, about, reduc-tioc in Transmission & Distribution Losses